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In response to the Office Action mailed March 3 2000 with reference to the above identified application, please amend the application as follows:-

In the Claims

Please amend claim 9 as detailed below.

1. (Amended) A cellular mobile communications network adapted to service mobile terminals having different operating protocols so as to provide roaming facilities for those terminals, the network including a plurality of multimode base stations each capable of being operated selectively via a base station controller in at least some of said different operating protocols, a home location register in which information relating to terminals registered with the network is stored, and a mobile switching centre providing access to a fixed network, wherein each base station controller has means for determining from a request for service received from a mobile terminal currently within an area served by that base station controller the operating protocol

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